

Has Unique Guest Register



JANE SCOTTON and Autographs
... green ink signatures filling cast

Some four or five weeks hence, when the broken bones in her right leg are well-mended, Jane Scotton will lose what has become a prized possession. It is a series of autographs—mostly in green ink—on the plaster cast that now encompasses that broken limb from her pink toes to her upper thigh. Right now the collection of signatures from her visitors is helping greatly to fill in the long days of physical inactivity resulting from a fall while skating in front of her home at 1438 El Prado two weeks ago.

J. B. Scotton, hopes to have every inch of the cast covered with names before it is removed. In addition to the signatures of her young friends, the cast also bears the handwriting of a number of adults, including her teacher, who called to wish her a speedy recovery. But autograph-collecting is not her only pastime. She gives her accordion regular workouts and has a number of favorite radio programs. She is not neglecting her school-work tho, and is trying to keep up with her studies despite her enforced stay at home.

Aviation Firm Offers Aid to Torrance J.C. for Courses and Jobs

As result of a conference with officials of the North American Aviation corporation at Inglewood last week, Principal Thomas H. Elson of Torrance high school reported today that efforts are being made to include training for aviation industry in the curriculum of the proposed Torrance Junior College which is expected to start here next fall.

"I asked the North American Aviation people whether we should attempt to offer some training in aviation subjects in our Junior College and the answer was 'Absolutely, yes!'" Elson said.

"The officials of that concern showed unusual cooperation by suggesting certain courses and offered to act in an advisory capacity in starting such subjects here.

"They also promised to send us up-to-the-minute material for study and indicated that they would welcome applicants for jobs who had received such Junior College training as we talked about. This offer is the first direct tie-up we've received between education and jobs and our Junior College will certainly take advantage of the suggestions offered."

Elson immediately reported the North American's offer to the committee on Junior College curricula in Los Angeles and that group, of which he is a member, decided to send a complete report on his findings to the committee on vocational training for further study. The aviation industry is particularly desirous of employing young men who have had some training in welding, drafting, and machine shop practice.

Those who are interested in jobs in aviation and who need such training as will be offered at Torrance Junior College this fall should see Elson at the high school at once for further information.

Gas Destroys Oil Derrick

Gas and oil escaping from the Logan Petroleum company's well on Eshelman near 237th spurred on the hot motor of a truck backed up to the derrick floor causing a fire Tuesday afternoon which destroyed the rig, truck and machinery valued at nearly \$5,000.

After extinguishing the blaze, city firemen pulled the charred derrick to the earth. It fell across Eshelman avenue and disrupted traffic in that locality for several hours.

To Attend Press Conference

Robert L. Lewellen, mechanical superintendent at The Herald, will attend sessions of the Southern California Mechanical Conference Sunday at Pasadena's Huntington hotel. The conference is composed of executives of the composing, press, stereotype and engraving departments of California newspapers.

'CUDA'S RUNNING

Barracuda are being taken by live bait anglers at Hermosa Beach.

HIWAY DRIVE STARTS MAY 18

Clean Up, Paint Up Week Begins May 8 Dinner-Rally in Auditorium Will Launch Campaign

Fire, Street Units Urge Cooperation

With summer just around the month and long care-free days of open-air living ahead, more attention is necessary to the appearance of home exteriors and surrounding grounds.

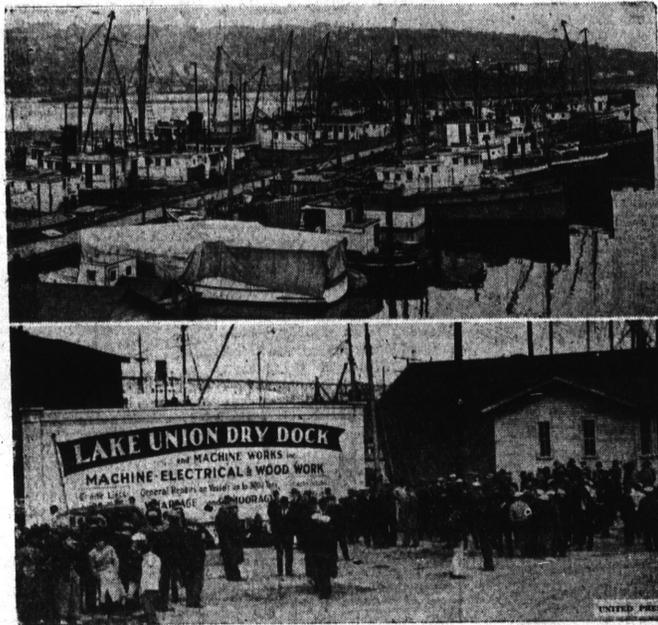
One of the best opportunities to prepare for summer will "break" here next week—from May 8 to 15. That will be "Clean Up, Paint Up and Fix Up Week" in Torrance.

Every resident is urged by Fire Capt. J. E. McMaster and William Gascoigne, street superintendent, to cooperate in the city-wide effort to renovate home places and vacant lots.

McMaster and Gascoigne, with the full approval of Chief John Stroh and Mayor William H. Tolson, have offered to lend every assistance to those who want to make their community clean and attractive.

For Greater Safety
The firemen will inspect business places and, on request, individual homes, to eliminate fire risks and uncovering fire hazards. The street department will remove all piles of debris collected by home-owners and merchants.

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LABOR ROW TIES UP ALASKA FLEET
A part of the Alaska salmon fleet is lying idle on the Lake Union waterfront in Seattle in a jurisdictional dispute between rival labor factions. The men mill around, waiting for settlement of the dispute.

Home Building Shows Spurt

For the first time in more than a year, home construction took the lead last month over all other building in Torrance.

Erection of nine new residences and additions to homes accounted for \$23,290 of the \$31,735 worth of construction started during April, according to records at the city engineer's office. The building total for the first four months of 1939 was \$321,055, as compared to \$2,079,825 for the same period last year.

The 1938 figure was boosted to that elevation by the General Petroleum company's huge refinery expansion program here. New building in April 1938 amounted to \$51,225.

Discontinuance of oil drilling in the local field was noted during the past month when not a single new derrick was erected. The industrial permits issued included five for oil tanks in the field, for a total of \$4,250.

In addition to the home and tank construction figures, the April permits included six garages, \$1,060; three industrial projects, \$2,900; one utility building, \$500; and a sign, \$125.

COUNTY BUILDING CONTINUES ADVANCE

Building activity in Lomita and other unincorporated areas in Los Angeles county continued its unprecedented upward climb during April with the result that a total of nearly \$11,000,000 was reached for the first four months of the year 1939.

Valuation of permits in county area for April totaled \$2,352,276, which more than \$500,000 above the total for April of a year ago. The April total was slightly below the \$2,526,314 for March of this year.

Torrance Baby Wins L.A. Honor

"Oh, you bet I am a beautiful baby," cooed little Marva Jones last Saturday when the judges in the 24th annual Baby Week celebration handed out the blue ribbons, and pinned one on to her little pinafore. For little Marva, two-months-old, was the only Torrance baby to receive the coveted prize.

Celebration of the event, which is sponsored by the Mothers Educational Center, took place at Exposition Park, Los Angeles, and was featured by a baby parade in which more than 100 tots from infancy up to five years ap-

Garage Awning Fires Reported

Two small fires provided runs for the fire department here last Sunday but neither caused much damage. The first alarm sent firemen to a garage at the rear of a home at 1419 Amapola where G. C. Lannay was painting a car. Lannay, according to firemen, had just finished washing his hands in a cleaning fluid and switched off a light. A spark ignited the fluid but he managed to put out the resultant blaze before the department arrived.

The second call was to the National Home Appliance radio shop at 1318 Sartori avenue Sunday evening where a blazing awning reported the blaze apparently was caused by a cigarette being tossed up into the canvas.

Final Figueroa Link to Start

With paving scheduled to start tomorrow, final link of Figueroa street to connect with Wilmington-San Pedro road at West Basin should be opened to traffic within six weeks, it was reported today. The paving company has until June 29 to complete the \$85,584 project.

The two-mile stretch, last of the paving jobs which have extended Figueroa from 190th street to the harbor in the last year, will have a paved width of 28 feet with a 120-foot graded roadway to provide for future widening.

Bus Costs Told Joint Committee

TORRANCE, GARDENA MEN HEAR TRANSIT EXECUTIVES

Facts and figures—some favorable and others not so rosy—on operation of municipal bus systems were given members of the joint Torrance-Gardena bus committee at a luncheon meeting yesterday at Daniels Cafe in Gardena. The feasibility of establishing motor bus service between

Job Payments Set New High

Payment of unemployment insurance reached a new peak last month in the South Bay area, according to announcement made today by Edwin A. Bird, manager of the Department of Employment at 1927 Carson street.

State-wide distribution of unemployment checks during March reached the new high total of \$4,361,058.13, according to reports Bird received from Sacramento, nearly \$1,500,000 more than has been distributed in any one month since the Department started payment of benefits in February, 1938.

Checks distributed in this area totaled 2,795, Bird said, and brought a total of \$29,071.99 to this community. Up to March 31, the unemployed in this district have received 29,760 checks, in the sum of \$309,465.15.

"Heavy increase in check distribution," Bird said, "is attributed to changes in the Unemployment Reserves Act effective January 30; the fact that many persons completed benefit years and refilled claims on 1938 earnings and seasonal unemployment."

Worth, Susan Hodge, Catherine Smarte, George Wesley Steele, Jr., Carolyn Weitz, Judith Ann Wilson, Loretta Fay Wilson.

Blue ribbons were given to babies scoring 98 or higher, red ribbons to those scoring 96 to 98.

At the meeting of the local Mothers Educational Center, held last Friday at the Woman's club, 26 babies were checked by Dr. Maude Wilde and her assistants, of whom 22 were repeaters, and four, Jackie Boos, Patricia Merritt, Peggy Clounch, and James O'Brien were making their first

When asked the reaction of retail merchants in Santa Monica toward the bus system, Plumer stated that they were almost unanimous in the opinion that it had increased their trade, and

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Opening salute in the intensive campaign to acquaint residents of Torrance with the four-point highway program being backed by the City-Wide Improvement Association will be a dinner and meeting at the Civic Auditorium on Thursday, May 18, at 6:30 p.m.

BOYS FILL ALL CITY JOBS TODAY

"Boys' Day in Civic Affairs" was observed here today as 35 high school youths manned all offices and departments of the city hall headquarters down to "walking a beat" with local police officers. The junior officials were excused from classes and reported for duty promptly at 9 o'clock this morning.

Arthur Woodcock, president of the student body, became "mayor-for-the-day" and Junior Richardson wore Police Chief John Stroh's badge. Other boys filled in elsewhere throughout the city organization and learned how this municipality is governed, serviced and patrolled.

At the same time, Bill Fulton and Howard Benigar were "printers-for-the-day" at The Herald plant and assisted the staff in getting this edition to press.

Serve On Council
Monday was "Boys' Day in Industry" and 25 Torrance students visited five different Los Angeles concerns, accompanied by members of the faculty. Ivan H. Grigsby, L. E. Austin and N. O. Homing, those who invaded the municipal departments today were: John Schwartz, city clerk; Bill Stewart, Bert Lamb, Marvin Lee and Harold Massie, members of the city council; John Hall, city judge; Marvin Goettsch, city attorney, and Dick Beecher, city engineer.

Junior Richardson, police chief; Eugene Hatter, police sergeant; Harold Treasie, police captain; Harry Raymond and Bob Figueroa, police motor officers; Don Seematter, fire captain; Claude Mitchell, fireman; Bill Ritchie, W. L. Priest, Jack Sheehan, Kenneth Perkins, Bill Buckley, Clifford Treasie, Elmo Hall and J. B. Wallace, patrolmen.

Four L. A. Plants
Dave Figueroa, secretary of Chamber of Commerce; Bert Bender, recreation director; Melvin Bener, Jean Bordeaux, Army Dowell and Harry Lewis, firemen; Bob Steadman and Robert Newman, municipal water

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Pastor Continues Efforts to Re-Settle Puebloans

Determined not to give up his fight to wipe out the Mexican Pueblo district of ramshackle houses in northwest Torrance, Rev. Ben Lingenfelter is conducting almost a one-man campaign for a resettlement project that will provide better housing for the families now existing in what he says is "the nearest thing to slum conditions we have in Southern California."

Rev. Lingenfelter is trying to get the Housing Authority of Los Angeles County interested in a project that will bring better living conditions to those who now occupy the Pueblo shacks. This week he was encouraged in his efforts by the following letter from Melville Dozier, Jr., executive secretary of the Housing Authority:

"Your note of April 26 at hand regarding the Mexicans

FEWER DRILLINGS

The department of natural resources reported this week 305 new oil wells had been drilled in California so far this year, as compared with 402 during the corresponding time a year ago.

This decision was made at a meeting of the City-Wide Improvement Association held last Friday afternoon, presided over by Robert J. Deiningner, chairman, and attended by 25 citizens.

Reflecting the enthusiasm among members of the newly-organized association, \$100 was raised voluntarily by those who attended last Friday's meeting. The money will be used to publicize benefits of the highway improvement program.

Open to Everyone
Chairman Deiningner stated that everyone interested in the future growth of Torrance will be asked to purchase tickets for the dinner meeting May 18.

"We are asking all those who can to buy tickets, as a portion of the money so collected will be retained for campaign purposes," Deiningner pointed out. "However everyone will be welcome to attend the meeting following the dinner, without admission charge."

"This is a matter which affects every resident of Torrance, and we want everyone to come and learn about it, whether they purchase dinner tickets or not," the association chairman explained.

Clubs Cooperate
Program following the dinner will be both entertaining and instructive, according to tentative plans by L. J. Gilmeister, Leonard Young and Grover C. Whyte, in charge. An outstanding authority on highway development will speak and some high class musical numbers will be given.

The committee in charge of the dinner and sale of tickets include: Howard G. Locke, chairman; F. L. Parks, Vern Babcock, Mrs. Carol Brown, Yale Doan and Ed Thompson.

The Rotary and Kiwanis clubs have agreed to dispense with their meetings during the week beginning May 14, and to attend the dinner gathering May 18 in a body.

Third Meeting Friday
Other organizations are expected to do the same, and every indication points to a large crowd, Deiningner stated.

Next meeting of the City-Wide Improvement Association will be held tomorrow (Friday) at 3:30 p. m. at the Chamber of Commerce.

Everyone is invited to attend and join the booster organization, which has no dues or other qualifications excepting a desire to help "boost the town."

In Torrance. This Authority is so busily engaged in its efforts to begin construction upon those projects which have secured recognition in Washington and for which loans have been obtained that it will be some months before a project may be undertaken in additional places.

"We are about to begin a property and housing survey of a large portion of the county which will be used for the purpose of showing the need of additional housing projects, and we shall include the Mexican status in your city in connection with such need," Dozier concluded.

"I believe that if our City Planning Commission would get behind this worthy objective we can make the Pueblo a thing of the past," Rev. Lingenfelter said. "I intend to see the chairman of that body, Councilman Tom McGuire, at once to see if Planners would undertake a study that would lead toward a resettlement of those people now living in the nearest thing to slum conditions we have in Southern California."